

Subject Daylight saving time

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Overview

This bill recognizes advanced standard time (also known as daylight saving time) as the official standard of time for the state, year-round. The change is effective upon enactment of a federal law which authorizes states to make this change.

The effect of the change would be to recognize “summer” hours year round—more daylight in the evenings, and less in the mornings.

Federal law currently authorizes states to choose to not recognize daylight saving time (so, the state would stay on winter’s “standard” hours year-round) but does not authorize states to do the reverse—stay on summer’s “saving” hours year-round. The year-round summer hours is what is proposed by this bill.

Adjustments to the official time have on-and-off been required or authorized in federal law since World War I; the current system of daylight saving time has been in place since 1966. The specific date on which clocks are changed was last adjusted in 2005.